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February 10, 2005

Dear Dr.

On behalf of the Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), thank you for serving as a peer reviewer for Chapter 6 "Respiratory Effects of Exposure to Secondhand Smoke in Children," of the forthcoming report of the Surgeon General, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*.

We greatly appreciate the time you give to this review. Your comments and critique will substantially inform the process of revision and will improve the final version. Your contribution will be recognized in the Acknowledgments section of the Report, scheduled for publication in 2005. As soon as it is released, a complimentary copy of the Report will be forwarded to you.

We request that you concentrate your review on the content of the chapter, rather than on grammar, punctuation, and format (though we appreciate any such comments you might care to make). In particular, we encourage you to write in any substantive additions for inclusion in the final report and to make suggestions for specific deletions. If you do make additions for which citations are required, please provide the complete bibliographic citation, using the format for chapter references in the draft. Sources such as "Office of Inspector General" or "unpublished data" should include the name of the person supplying the information, date supplied, and any other relevant information regarding the reference. In your comments, please specify whether you think the document adequately covers the topic, and note any material or issues that have been omitted.

Please feel free to mark on the draft, write out separate comments, or both. If you do make comments directly on the text, please use a pen to facilitate photocopying. We will most appreciate your returning the entire draft and any separate comments by March 4, 2005. We have enclosed a return Federal Express packet for your use. Please call your local Federal Express office to request pickup when you are ready to return the document. Should you encounter difficulties with either the deadline or the logistics, please call me at 410-955-3286, or Margot Raphael, Project Director, Cygnus Corporation, at 301-231-7537, extension 204, as soon as possible.

The materials sent to you are to be held in strictest confidence. We request that reviewers do not duplicate the material, share it with colleagues, report on it, or discuss it in a public forum without prior approval from the Office on Smoking and Health. After the Surgeon General's report is released, the Office on Smoking and Health may receive requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Because it is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's policy to make deliberations of Surgeon General's reports open to public scrutiny, please be aware that if requested under FOIA, any comments you provide on this report may be released.

Once again, we appreciate your time and effort and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Samet". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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July 18, 2005

Dear Dr.

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a Senior Scientific Reviewer for the Surgeon General's report, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*. This report is an update, evaluation, and synthesis of evidence on the health consequences of exposure to secondhand smoke. We have once again attempted to achieve a uniform review of the evidence and phrasing of conclusions (similar to the conclusions in the 2004 report, *The Health Consequences of Smoking*). Chapter 1, as it currently stands, provides the background framework for the report. This chapter will also provide a summary of findings and a reiteration of chapter conclusions, which will be finalized after we have received your comments. We are now working on Chapter 11, *A Vision for the Future*. It was not ready for review at this time, but we hope that you will be able to review it very soon.

Publication lags, even short ones, prevent an up-to-the-minute inclusion of all recently published articles and data. Therefore, to provide information as current as possible, this report will include an appendix of more recent studies that represent major additions to the literature. If there are specific references or research findings which would substantially enhance any section of this draft report, please identify these references or findings and include the complete citation information.

Each section of the report has undergone detailed peer review and subsequent revision. The purpose of this round of senior scientific review is to obtain a broad review of the document as a whole. Although this does not preclude a close examination of all or part of the text, we would most appreciate your specific comments regarding the overall coherence and consistency of the document, with particular attention to errors of omission or commission, areas of divergent scientific opinion that we have failed to present, and the validity of the conclusions. We encourage you to submit whole sentences or paragraphs for insertion into the document to fill any gaps or omissions that come to your attention. If you make changes for which citations are required, please provide the complete bibliographic citation and, if possible, a copy of the article itself.

We understand that this review is a considerable task within a limited time and that you may not be able to treat the entire manuscript in detail. We are grateful for any portion that you can address; we ask that you indicate in your notes those sections that you have considered. You may write directly on the document or provide separate written comments, or both. Do not feel obligated to make any editorial or grammatical corrections; a final copy edit will be completed later in the production process. Because we will prepare photocopies of your review, we ask that you use pen, not pencil.

Regardless of how you prepare your comments, please return the entire review volume and all comments in the prepaid, addressed Federal Express envelope no later than August 12, which is about 3 weeks from date of receipt. To allow sufficient time for revisions, it is imperative that we receive your review by that time, or we cannot guarantee that your comments will be considered for the next level of review at the Department of Health and Human Services.

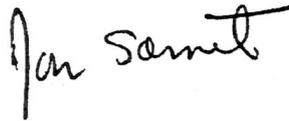
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We greatly appreciate the time you are taking from your schedule for this review. Your comments and critique will help to ensure the scientific integrity of the report. Your contribution will be recognized in the Acknowledgments section of the report and a complimentary copy of the report will be sent to you when it is released. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Jonathan Samet, Senior Scientific Editor, at 410-955-3286 or Ms. Leslie Norman, Managing Editor, at 770-488-5469. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,



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